The following thrilling parrative is from a translation. A captain of the Mexican insurgent army is giving an ac-

perceived, thanks for the obscurity of a by nature herself in the rocks, to the bottom of which the eye could not penetrate, for mists, which incessantly boiled up from below, did not allow it to measin the country, by the name of 'The

"I had explored all sides of the buildwhich protected the rear of the bacienda. Between the walls and the precipice there was a parrow pathway about six feet wide; by day the passage would have been dangerous, but by night a was a perilous enterprise. The walis of the farm took an extensive sweep, the path crept around their entire basement, and to follow it to the end in the dark ness, only two paces from the edge of ; perpendicular chasm, was no very easy task, even for as practiced a horseman as myself. Nevertheless I did not hesi tate, but boldly urged my horse toward the walls of the farm house and the abyse of the Vandero. I had got ove haif the distance without accident when all of a sudden, my horse neighed aloud This neigh made me shudder. I has just reached a pass where the ground was just wile enough for the four leg of a horse, and it was impossible to re trace my steps. " Hello!" I exclaimed aloud, at the

risk of betraying myself, which was ever less dangerous than encountering horse men in front of me on such a roau. There is a Christian passing along the ravine. Keep back.'

"It was too late. At that moment a man on horseback passed around one of the buttresses which here and there obstructed this accursed pathway. He ad

vanced toward me.
" For the love of God can you return? I exclaimed, terrified at the fearful situ ation in which we both were placed. " 'Impossible!' replied the horseman.

"I recommended my soul to God. I. turn our horses round for want of room to back them along the path we had traveled, or even to dismount from them -these were three impossibilities, which placed us both in the presence ef a feartal doom. Between two horsemen so placed upon this fearful path, had they been father and son, one of them inevia few seconds had passed, and we weralready face to face-the unknown and myself. Our horses were head to head, and the nostrils, dilated with terror, mingled together their fiery breathings. Both of us halted in a dead silence. The had sprung up agein on an some Modificant medan priests from Oman had landed here, and taught the natives the Koran. Only some few i clated them trendless. Above was the smooth and lofty wall of

Are you for Mexico and the Insurgents?" I exclaimed in a moment of excitement, ready to spring upon the unthe negative.

" Mexico e Insurgente-that is my passport," replied the cavalier. 'I am the Colonel, Garduro.' "I am the Captain, Castanos."

" Our acquaintance was of long standing; and but for mutual agitation we should have had no need to exchange our names. The Colonel had left us two days since at the head of the detachment which we suppose I to be either prisoners or cut off, for he had not been seen to return to camp. "Well, Colonel," I exclaimed, 'I am

sorry you are not a Spaniard, for you perceive that one of us must yield the pathway to the other." "Our horses had the bridles on their

necks, and I put my hands to the bolster of my saddle to draw out my pistols. "I see so plainly," returned the Col-

onel, with alarming coolness, 'that I but I calmed him with my voice. When should already have blown out the brains I telt his very life, so to speak, palpitate of your horse, but for the fear lest mine,

shallead into the ravine."

said the Colonel.

lots shall retire backward. It will be but feeble chance for escape for him, I from the plain; and under the irresistion of the terror which I had Antony ewed \$1,000,000 on the Ides of admit, but, in short, there is a chance, and especially in favor of the winner."

"You cling not to life, then," I cried the groun !. terrified at the sang froid with which this proposition was put to me.

"I cling to life more than yourself," sharply replied the Colonel, 'for I hav

like the schoolboys? This way was impracticable. Our bands imprudently very beautiful, made a mistake. She had als matresses, covered with carpets of cloth of gold, were stuffed with down frighted horses might give them a tatal Lambelle, and was arrested on the start. Should we toss up a piece of coin, groundless suspicion of being in corres the night was took dark to enable us to pondence with the Austrian Govern dignity of a Roman senator, and some distinguish which side fell upward. The ment, and hurried off to execution on of them spent \$5,000,000 a year. And yet

Mexican insurgent army is giving an accountry of a meditated night attack upon a hacienda, situated night attack upon a hacienda, situated in the Cordilleras, and occupied by a large force of Spanish soldiers. After a variety of details, the continues:

"Having arrived at the hacienda un may be able to make your horse neight to hinder him from doing so is a very the several and soldiers. Slowing means of identifying her or plan daughter. Slowing means of identi

. Will five minutes be sufficient?" "The Colonel putted out his watch. I addressed toward the beavens, brilliant with stars, which I thought I was lookare their awful depth. This was known, ing on for the last time, with an intense

were agitated with a nervous tremor. "Yet one moment more," I said to the Celonel, 'for I had need of all my cool

" Granted," replied Garduro.

"My education had been in the country. My, childhood, and part of my earliest youth, had almost been passed on horseback. I may say, without flat tering myself, that it there was any one in the world capable of executing a difficult conestrian feat, it was myself. 1 rallied myself with almost a supernaturdeffort, and succeeded in recovering elf-possession in the very face of death laking it at the worst, I had airead, raved it too often to be any longalarmed at it. From that instant I dared to hope afresh. As soon as my horse felt for the first time since my re-encouner with the Colonel, the bit compress ng his mouth, I perceived that he trem bled beneath me. I strengthened myself irmly on my stirrups, to make the ter thed animal understand that his master no longer trembled. I held him up with oridle and the hams, as every good norse nan does in a dangerous passage, an aith the bridle, the body and the sport gether, succeeded in ba king him a tew paces. His head was already further from that of the horse of the Colones, who encouraged me all he could with in

"This done, I let the poor, trembling brute, who obey d me in spate of terror, repose for a few moments, and then rerepose for a few moments, and then rea sudden I lett his hind legs give way seil to be left a thousand miles out if under me. A horribie snuder ran necessary, without the slightest fear rethrough my whole frame. I closed my gard ng his safe recovery. eyes as if about to roll to the bottom the abyss, and I gave to my body asausienda, the surface of which offered no. ably become the prey of the abyss. But a single projection, not a turt of weedto check my decent. This sudden move ment, joined to the desperate struggers use at Caba. On injury he found that I my horse, was the salvation of my life. He had sprung up agein on an ame alcha medan priests from Oman them tremble.

three feet distant from the wall, opened tween the brink of the precipice and the three feet distant from the wall, opened the horrible gulf. Was it an enemy I had before my eyes? The love of my inches broader. A few more would have small, is therefore of great value. A country, which boiled at the period in ny young bes m, led me to hope it was. attempt it here would have been lata, of some prehistoric remains, apparently and I dured not venture. I sought to akin to those of Mexico and the United resume my backward progress step by States, on the little islands of Rota and step. Twice the horse threw himself on linian, which form part of the Ladaone his hind legs, and fell down upon the or Mariana Islands. We have as yet but same spot. It was in vain to urge him very scanty particulars of these antianew, either with voice, bridle, or spar dunies, but they appear to consist in the animal obstinately refused to take a cach case of two series of eight stone single step in the rear. Nevertheless 1 pyramids, standing in two rows, at indid not feel my courage exhausted, for I tervals of twelve feet, the base being had no desire to die. One last, selitary twelve feet square and the height thirty-chance of safety suddenly appeared to six feet. The summit is crowned by a to employ it. Through the fastening of the diagonal of the base. Unfortunatemy boot, and in reach of my hand, was placed a sharp and keen knife, which I drew forth from its sheath. With my

hear my voice. by a plaintive neighing; then, not to alarm him, my hand followed, by little and little, the curve of his nervous neck seem to have much in common with the last of the vertebræ united itsell and some of the United States. with the cranium, The horse trembled, in his brain beneath my fingers, I leaned

A Stratagem on the Scaffold. a mortal outrage to avenge. But the time is fast slipping away. Are you ready to proceed to draw the last lottery at which one of us will ever exist?"

"How are we to proceed to the draw the last lottery of Terrar leading the Reign of Terrar leading to the Reign of Terrar leadin "How are we to proceed to this draw. of Terror, imagining that his foreign in ing by lot? By means of the wet finger, tionality would save her from the guil stretched out over the heads of our been the intimate friend of Princes-Colonel bethought him of an expedient the day following that which saw Mad-of which I should never have dreamed." ame Roland perish. Princess Lubom times. "Listen to me, Captain," said the Col- irski had one little daughter, which she

draw every moment a burning breath, the very bit, of the second of. The wretch-The first of as two whose horse shall ed the hie wishing that her little on should be recognized in after years by the bubomirski family, and not being 1874. "Not so; shall be loser;" I know allowed to write to them, imagined the that you are a countryman, and, as such, following means of identifying her or

perceived, thanks for the obscurity of a moonless night, we came to a halt under some large trees at some distance from the building, and I rode forward from my troop in order to reconnoiter the place. The bacienda, so far as I could see in gliding across, formed a huge, massive parallelogram, strengthened by enormous buttresses of hewn stens. Along this charm the walls of the hacienda almost formed the continuation of another perpendicular one, chisoled by nature herself in the rocks, to the a few years ago."

A Man to be dropped Into the Ocean. Paul Boy on is the name of a during individual who is to be dropped into the ocea two hundred niles from the land and burning prayer.

"It is time, said the Colonel."

"I answered nothing, but with a firm twenty seven, of average size and well what scraple of military honor incited me to continue my ride along the ravine and boots, and a jacket with a hood atached. Seven small tubes with mouth ness to carry into execution the fearful pieces are connected with air chamber-maneuver which I am about to com in different pertions of the dress. The hood, as it becomes inflated, is drawn tightly over the face, leaving the eyes, nose and mouth visible, and making a perfect air pillow for the head, which is not only comfortable, but also serves to keep the face constantly above the waves without the slightest exertion. C. S Merrinan, of New York, the patente of the life dress, has offered \$500 to Mr. Boyton to make a sea voyage in his sun is order to demonstrate to the public

ts merits as a life-preserver.

He was accepted the proposal, and an or about the 25th of December he w.l. be carried from New York by an out ward bound steamer to a distance of not ess than two hundred miles from land, when he will be dropped and lett to the mercy of the waves until he shall meet with some passing vessels. He will carry with him in a rubber bag, sufficient ations, consisting of dried meats, &c. for one week, as well as a good quantity of fresh water. He will also carry signallights and flags, with a sectional staff twelve feet long for raising them, all of which are to be stowed away in the unlimited portals of the rubber bag, which is about two feet square and is of little or no incoverace, strapped to and floated at the side of the swimmer. This feat may be considered by many as de-liberately challenging death, but Mr.

Prehistoria Rema'ns in Oceania.

It my be remembered, says the London A ademy, that when Magellan discovered the l'billippines he was astonished to light upon an Arabic alphabet in "I had succeeded in reaching, be-tion of the islands of Oceanina before me, like a flash of light, and I resolved kind of large cup equal in diameter to left hand I began carre si g the mane an age anterior to the Spanish conquest, of my horse, all the white letting him and that they cannot possibly be as cribed to a race at all similar to the The poor animal replied to my caresses vindictive and degraded aborigines of and finally rested upon the spot where the prehistoric remains found in Mexico

Olden Times. Who among our extravagant young la lies in these boastful times ever gave in a moment of terror, should precipitate over toward the wall, my feet gently slip- ner lover, as Cleopatra did, a pearl dis me, with yourself, to the bottom of the ped from the stirrups, and with one vig-abyss.' solved in vinegar (or undissolved) worth "I remraked, in fact, that the Colonel my knife into the seat of the vital prin- one of the ten in Rome, who used to already held his pistols in his hands. ciple. The animal tell as if thunder-wear jewels when she returned her visits, We both maintained almost profound si-struck, without a single motion; and, worth \$300,000. Cicero, who was com-We both maintained almost profound silence. Our horses felt the danger like ourselves, and remained as immovable as if their feet were railed to the ground. My excitement has entirely subsided. What are we going to do? I demanded by the Colonel, and which the abyss of the Colonel."

Struck, without a single motion; and, worth \$300,000. Cicero, who was compared to those times, gave \$1,500,000 for his establishment on the Parame; while Messala gave \$2,000,000 for the house of Antony Seneca, who was just a plain philospher, was worth \$120,000,000. Tiberius left was worth \$120,000,000. Tiberius left " Draw lots to see which of the two felt that its prey had escaped it. I quit a property of nearly \$120,000,000. Casar ted the sadde, sat down between the and stare. Antony both owned wonder "It was, in truth, the sole means of wall and the body of my horse and vig- our fortunes. Way, they talk about a solving the difficulty. There are, nev. orously pushed with my feet against the man's failing in New York for \$1,000, ortholoss, some precautions to take, carcass of the wretched animal, which rolled down into the abyss. I then arose fore he entered any office, when he was "He who shall be condemned by the and cleared at a few bounds the d s ance a young g norman in private life, owed long repressed, I sank into a swoon upon March and past volore the Kalends o March. I ms was nothing; be squander ed \$720,000,000, of public mensy. And these telious liv 1 well. Esopus, who A Paris correspondent relates the fol- was a play ser , paid \$109,000 for a lowing story about the great grandmoth single dish a spent \$400,000 or set with precious stones. The beds or Horses Boarded by the Dayor Heriogabulus were of solid silver; his from under the wing of a partridge. It took \$80,000 a year to keep up the

onel, to whom I had communicated my perplexities. I have another way. The terror which our horses feel makes them rrms, and, at the risk of her own life, to session.

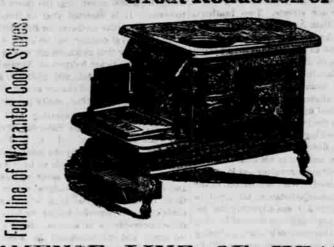
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